

September 8, 2004

Dear Colleague,

Once again, the Maine Cancer Registry is sponsoring a Collaborative Stage educational training session to be held at two separate locations. The first session will be held on Friday, October 15, 2004 at the Black Bear Inn in Orono, Maine. The second session will be held on Friday, October 22, 2004 at the Gatehouse Conference Center in Freeport, Maine. It is our goal to provide an effective approach to understanding and applying the rules and standards of Collaborative Stage.

We are fortunate to have Marilyn Hansen, CTR of the New Jersey Cancer Registry leading this hands-on workshop. She has provided Collaborative Stage training for the State of New Jersey. Marilyn has prepared several practice cases that will be mailed to you 2 weeks prior to the training. This is your opportunity to get all of those questions answered. Since this is the final training session on Collaborative Stage, please begin preparing your list of questions now, as you discover the gray areas you would like to explore or obtain more information.

Please complete and mail or fax, only 1 brochure, green for Bangor (includes lodging) or yellow for Freeport (does not include lodging). **The registration deadline is Friday, September 17, 2004.** The Maine Cancer Registry will provide this program at no cost.

Please bring your Collaborative Stage Manual and be sure to review the general instructions in the front of the CS Manual prior to the training.

The Maine Cancer Registry staff is looking forward to seeing all of you again. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 207-287-5272 or email helen.garneau@maine.gov or fax me at 287-4631.

Sincerely,

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